MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*): What is the interest of Mr. M. T. Joseph in the land being registered in favour of somebody else?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income-tax Commissioner*): None; he is interested in getting it registered in his name.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): (*Not heard*). May I know what action Government took on the representation made by the owners of the R block?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income-tax Commissioner*): The Chief Engineer has been told that gaps should be provided.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Does the figure, 1454 acres, given in part (*e*) of the answer, represent the total area of blocks R, S and T?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income-tax Commissioner*): No; it represents the area of blocks Q, S and T. R has already been registered. The member, presumably, has put R by mistake.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): May I know the reason for not registering these lands?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Q was once registered; it was subsequently abandoned since, cultivation there proved to be unprofitable.

The "R" block of the Vembanad Reclamation Scheme.

121. ✻ MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the necessity of staying the construction of the 'R" block wall was brought to the attention of the Government by any party;

(*b*) the reasons stated in support of the prayer;

(*c*) the earliest date on which the prayer was made;

(*d*) the date on which the construction of the above wall was begun;

(*e*) the action taken by the Government on this representation; and

(*f*) the number of times this prayer was repeated?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The reason alleged was that the bunding of the northern boundaries of Q and T blocks and the western boundaries of T and S block could be completed at more or less the same cost as that of bunding the sides of the R block and that the proposed bund could be used as a portion of the newly contemplated road from Alleppey to Kottayam.

(*c*) 1-11-1110.

(*d*) No information is available.

(*e*) The prayer was rejected.

(*f*) Twice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to part (*b*), may I know the reasons for not accepting the offer?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): The question of the alignment of the road from Kumarakam to Alleppey has not yet been settled.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): It is stated in part (*e*) of the answer—

> "that the proposed bund could be used as a portion of the newly contemplated road from Alleppey to Kottayam".

Will not that road be useful to the public?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Sir, the matter requires a good deal of investigation.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): When a private individual has come forward with the offer to put up the bund at his own cost, should not the Government accept it?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Sir, in these matters, such offers from private individuals are not the important points to be considered. The financial ability of the individual making the offer and, above all, the practicability of the schemes, these are the matters that have to be considered before accepting any such offer from private individuals.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Was the opinion of the Executive Engineer called for on this matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): What was his opinion, please?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): He said that it would be a good thing if this could be done.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Was the opinion of the Irrigation Engineer called for?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I have no information.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Did the private individual, who applied to Government to do this work at his own cost, offer cash or property security to see that he is obliged to complete the work himself?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): As I said, Sir, such offer by a private individual is not the only point to be considered in such matters. It is the practicability of the scheme that is most important.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Did not the Executive Engineer say that this road would be useful?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): It is admitted that the road from Kumarakam to Alleppey would certainly be useful to the public. But the whole question has to be examined fully.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Do the Government propose to open up the lake into the sea for the free flow of excess water? (*Not heard.*)

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I have no information.

The Vembanad Reclamation Scheme.

122. ✻ **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether their attention was drawn to the "inutility" of the construction of the "R" block wall of the Vembanad Reclamation Scheme by any member of this Assembly;

(*b*) whether the said member also brought to the attention of the Government any suggestion of a comprehensive character in the place of the above construction;

(*c*) whether the Government were requested by the member to stay the construction of the "R" block wall pending orders on his representation;

(*d*) the date of the above representation;

(*e*) whether any conference of responsible officials concerned was prayed for by the member; and

(*f*) the action taken by Government on this representation?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*):

(*a*) No information is available.

(*b*) to (*f*) These questions do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. S. J NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether Mr. E. V. Krishna Pillai has made any representation about the scheme referred to in part (*a*)?

MR. K GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): It has been stated already in the answer that no information is available.

Complaint against the Todupuzha Tahsildar.

123. ✻**MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any complaint has been received by Government or the Division Peishkar, Kottayam, against the Todupuzha Tahsildar; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken by the authorities?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is being enquired into.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): May I know the nature of the complaint?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The letter received by Government has been forwarded to the Land Revenue Commissioner for enquiry; it is not with me now.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): What are the charges against the officer?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have already answered that question. I claim notice.

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